

Juanita's Legacy Continues

Family and friends created the Juanita Pederson Legacy Scholarship Fund in 2012 to honor Juanita's legacy and pay tribute to her commitment to teaching, leadership, faith, community service and service to her country.

The mission of the Juanita Pederson legacy is to invest in Horton, Kansas High School Graduates through will sustain Mrs. Pederson unwavering commitment towards community leadership in her professional associations, church, 4-H and that of a dedicated military spouse. The consummate leader committed to service to others.

Mrs. Pederson's scholars program supports Horton High School graduates by adding financial scholarships towards completing a degree program in education. However the family recognizes that not every class will have a group of education majors to select from and will consider all applications understanding that preference may be given towards those pursuing education and other career fields of service.

The scholarship award is for two equal installments for Freshman entering college for the first and the second semester to cover tuition related expenses. Applicants must satisfying the GPA by the HS Counselor and the community involvement described within the application essay.

These scholarship funds are just a portion of Juanita's Scholarly experience which also focuses on guiding a community and providing essential resources that empower Scholars to serve and lead in their local communities.

It is our goal, that each year, new Juanita Pederson scholars join current scholars both online and in-person annually and at subsequent award presentation ceremonies and scholarship events in at Horton, High School.

Eligibility

Who is eligible to apply to become a Mrs. Pederson Scholar?

- **H.S. Seniors of Horton, Kansas H.S. Students**
 - G.P.A. 3.0 minimum
 - Actively involved and engaged in community as a leader
 - Writing skills demonstrated in application essay of 2 – 3 pages. (12 Font Arial double spaced)
 - Can effectively write at a high undergraduate level to display confidence and structure to life experience thus far and how that will propel you in your next life chapters beyond college.

Criteria

Recipients of each of scholars represent a rich and diverse set of backgrounds, experiences and ambitions, and were selected based on strong leadership potential and a drive to make a positive impact on others through education and service.

What specific criteria will be considered for selecting Scholars?

- Educational and career ambitions
- Record of service and motivation for serving
- Record of personal achievement
- Demonstration of service to others in the community
- Desire to continue to serve others and make a positive impact on your community
- Leadership accomplished and potential
- Compelling, thoughtful, genuine and thorough essay question responses

Required Documents

The following documents will need to be uploaded in a digital (soft copy) file format:

- Letter from School Counselor stating on track to graduate with a min 3.0 GPA
- 2 – 3 page essay that includes aforementioned criteria of academic, leadership, community service and willingness to serve in a career field work, public service history, recognitions and awards earned

Essay Question Prompts

Essay Question Instructions

Address within the framework of your essay with intro body and summary the items listed below. Answer the following questions to the best of your ability. Be clear and concise and provide specifics examples as appropriate as the paper is your interview application.

Applicants

1. Discuss your motivation and desire to embark on a select academic education path/career. What is the most important lesson you have learned during your training and/or service or H.S. years in school, community or extracurricular program or initiative?
2. Share your life time and career goals. How will you incorporate your leadership experience(s) service into these goals? How do you intend to continue service to others and the community? How will you make an impact in your eventual community through your career field and continued community service?
3. Explain and describe how other influential leaders in your experience have impacted your life and your ambitions to pursue a degree in a field and how they have mentored you towards this goal. What traits did they display that helped shape your H.S. years and your next education path?